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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Topolkaraev et al.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 28, 2004 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-5, 16, 20-21, 23-27 and 29.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).

2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ Fee \$330.00 Other than a Small Entity
- ☒ Enclosed
- ☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)
- ☐ Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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